

ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE

A method comprises the steps of:
collectively managing respective storage areas
registered, which storage areas belong to storage
5 apparatuses of servers connected with a
communication network, respectively; allocating a
one of the storage areas managed by the managing
part, in response to an allocation request made by
the server; and mounting the storage area of the
10 storage apparatus allocated in response to a
mounting request made by the server, and
transmitting mounting information indicating this
matter to the server as a response.